



**William S. Hart Union High School District
Regular Meeting of the Governing Board**

December 08, 2021

Closed Session 5:30 p.m.

Public Session 7:00 p.m.

**Minutes
(Unapproved)**

I. Instructions for Submitting Public Comment in the Event the Meeting is Recessed and Reconvened via Teleconferencing in a Virtual Format

II. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the William S. Hart Union High School District Governing Board was called to order by President Moore, at the Administrative Center, 21380 Centre Pointe Parkway, Santa Clarita, California, at 5:30 p.m.

II.A. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum

Board Members present:

Dr. Cherise G. Moore, President
Mr. Joseph V. Messina, Clerk (arrived at 5:32 p.m.)
Mr. Robert N. Jensen, Jr., Assistant Clerk
Mrs. Linda H. Storli, Member (arrived at 5:31 p.m.)
Mr. James D. Webb, Member

District Administrators present:

Mr. Mike Kuhlman, Superintendent
Dr. Michael Vierra, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Mrs. Kathy Hunter, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
Mr. Ralph Peschek, Chief Business Officer
Dr. Collyn Nielsen, Chief Administrative Officer

The President declared a quorum present.

III. First Closed Session

III.A. Public Comments for Closed Session Items

There were no public comments.

III.B. First Closed Session Items

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 5:31 p.m. Votes on items discussed in Closed Session were taken in Public Session, as reported below.

III.B.1. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) - one case

III.B.2. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation (Per Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)) California Office of Administrative Hearings Case No. 2021080490

In public session Dr. Moore reported that in closed session, the Board approved the settlement agreement in California Office of Administrative Hearings Case No. 2021080490. The substance of the agreement is as follows: 1) The District will reimburse student for a total of 160 hours of related services through a non-public school; and 2) The District will pay \$8,149.00 in attorneys' fees to student's attorney. The roll call vote was: Jensen - yes; Messina - yes; Moore - yes; Storli - yes; Webb - absent. [See Closed Session Log 2021/22]

III.B.3. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation (per Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)) Case No. CFV 19-8328-CBM(GJSx): William S. Hart Union High School District v. Kimberly Antillon et al.; Case Nos. 21-55491; 21-55769; 21-56267: William S. Hart Union High School District v. Kimberly Antillon et al.; OAH Case Number 2021040086: Student v. William S. Hart Union High School District

III.B.4. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation (per Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)) Case No. 21STCV36361 - Santa Clarita Concrete v. Castaic HS Construction, Inc., et al

III.B.5. Public Employee Appointment/Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Reassignment/ Non-reelection (per Government Code Section 54957)

III.B.6. Conference with Labor Negotiator: Michael Vierra - Negotiations with Hart District Teachers Association (per Government Code Section 54957.6)

III.B.7. Conference with Labor Negotiator: Michael Vierra - Negotiations with California School Employees Association Chapter 349 (per Government Code Section 54957.6)

III.B.8. Appointment of Assistant Principal (per Government Code Section 54957)

III.C. Reconvene to Public Session

The Board returned to Public Session at 7:15 p.m.

IV. Organization

IV.A. Report of First Closed Session Action

See action taken above in II-B - First Closed Session Items.

IV.B. Re-Establishment of Quorum

Board Members present:

Dr. Cherise G. Moore, President
Mr. Joseph V. Messina, Clerk
Mr. Robert N. Jensen, Jr., Assistant Clerk
Mrs. Linda H. Storli, Member
Mr. James D. Webb, Member
Miss Pratika Prasad, Student Board Member

District Administrators present:

Mr. Mike Kuhlman, Superintendent
Dr. Michael Vierra, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Mrs. Kathy Hunter, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
Mr. Ralph Peschek, Chief Business Officer
Dr. Collyn Nielsen, Chief Administrative Officer

The President declared a quorum present.

IV.C. Pledge of Allegiance

Joe Messina led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV.D. Approval of Agenda

Motion Passed: Approve the agenda. Passed with a motion by Mr. Robert Jensen and a second by Mr. Joseph Messina.

Yes Mr. Robert Jensen

Yes Mr. Joseph Messina

Yes Dr. Cherise Moore

Yes Mrs. Linda Storli

Yes Mr. James Webb

Student Board Member Opinion: Yes

V. Special Items

V.A. Letter of Condolence to Oxford High School

Motion Passed: Send a letter of condolence to Oxford High School. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Linda Storli and a second by Mr. Joseph Messina.

Yes Mr. Robert Jensen

Yes Mr. Joseph Messina

Yes Dr. Cherise Moore

Yes Mrs. Linda Storli

Yes Mr. James Webb

Student Board Member Opinion: Yes

Mr. Kuhlman said the letter was written from one community to another to share in their grief and offer support. There was one public comment. A copy of the letter is attached to the agenda of this meeting.

V.B. Extension of Resolution No. 21/22-13 - Determining the Possibility of Holding Governing Board Meetings in a Virtual Format as Authorized by Assembly Bill 361

Motion Passed: Extend Resolution No. 21/22-13 determining the possibility of holding Governing Board meetings in a virtual format as authorized by Assembly Bill 361. Passed with a motion by Mr. Robert Jensen and a second by Mrs. Linda Storli.

Yes Mr. Robert Jensen

No Mr. Joseph Messina

Yes Dr. Cherise Moore

Yes Mrs. Linda Storli

Yes Mr. James Webb

Student Board Member Opinion: Yes

Copies of the resolution and the extension are attached to the agenda of this meeting.

V.C. Presentation and Public Hearing - Trustee Area Map Options

Dr. Moore opened the public hearing to accept comments on trustee area map adjustments. David Kaitz, senior project manager, Davis Demographics, reviewed the current map, discussed changes that have taken place in each trustee area, and said adjustments are needed to remain in compliance with state and federal voting rights acts. He presented two potential scenarios based on 2020 Census data (total population counts). He said only minimal adjustments are needed in each scenario. Scenario 1 includes slight adjustments to trustee areas 2, 3, and 5, and results in the most balanced population option. Scenario 2 includes two minimal changes (between areas 2 and 3 and between areas 4 and 5). The maximum variance is higher in scenario 2, but is still below the 10 percent variance allowed. He reviewed additional data for each scenario including race and voting age population. The two options will be presented for a vote at the January 19, 2022, Governing Board meeting. There were no public comments. Dr. Moore closed the public hearing. A copy of the presentation is attached to the agenda of this meeting.

V.D. Scholarship Grant - Henry Mayo Newhall Foundation

Motion Passed: Accept the scholarship donation of \$149,000 from the Henry Mayo Newhall Foundation and approve the disbursement of scholarship grants as follows: each comprehensive high school: one (1) at \$5,000, two (2) at \$4,000, two (2) at \$3,000, and two (2) at \$2,500, [totaling \$144,000]; four alternative high schools each: one (1) at \$1,250 [totaling \$5,000]. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Linda Storli and a second by Mr. James Webb.

Yes Mr. Robert Jensen

Yes Mr. Joseph Messina

Yes Dr. Cherise Moore

Yes Mrs. Linda Storli

Yes Mr. James Webb

Student Board Member Opinion: Yes

Santa Clarita Valley Scholarship Foundation representative Elaine Foderaro thanked the Board for accepting the generous grant from the Henry Mayo Newhall Foundation. She said applications were made available on school websites beginning December 1 and are due January 21. Interviews will be held on March 19 via Zoom and scholarships will be awarded in May. A copy of the grant agreement letter is attached to the agenda of this meeting.

V.E. Appointment of Assistant Principal

Motion Passed: Appoint Kanika Mapp as assistant principal effective January 4, 2022. Passed with a motion by Mr. Robert Jensen and a second by Mr. Joseph Messina.

Yes Mr. Robert Jensen

Yes Mr. Joseph Messina

Yes Dr. Cherise Moore

Yes Mrs. Linda Storli

Yes Mr. James Webb

Student Board Member Opinion: Yes

VI. Recognitions by Board

VII. Communications

VII.A. Board Member Reports

The following Board members relayed the events they recently attended and/or are interested in: Mrs. Storli (congratulated Academy of the Canyons (AOC) for being named one of the best high schools in California, attended a Valencia High School theater presentation and football game), Mr. Jensen (announced the Valencia High School football team won the CIF (California Interscholastic Federation) Southern Section championship and made it to the first round of state playoffs; attended a basketball game this week; explained that winter league play starts earlier now due to a seventh high school in the Foothill League; said AOC ranked as the 16th best high school in California on Niche), Mr. Webb (said December 2 is National Special Education Day; visited Saugus High School; attended the inaugural theater performance at Castaic High School; team-taught a class at West Ranch High School; mentioned that Hart District staff were presenters at the

recent California Induction Conference), Mr. Messina (said the Valencia High School choir performed at the Christmas tree and menorah lighting at Veteran's Plaza, said yesterday was the 80th remembrance of Pearl Harbor Day and thanked veterans), and Dr. Moore (attended the California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly meeting; will be attending the virtual CSBA Conference; announced CSBA will hold a legislative action day on March 15 and a federal advocacy trip in April; said three District junior high teachers participated in NASA's Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy (SOFIA) flight this week; said five District marching bands competed in the Southern California School Band & Orchestra Association competition and West Ranch High School is the Division 4A champion; was a presenter at a recent Career Technical Education (CTE) conference; presented Miss Prasad with a certificate for completing CSBA's student board member training).

Mr. Kuhlman said the District will begin a strategic planning process in February, which will identify key areas for focus and provide clear direction for the next five years.

VII.B. Student Board Member Report

Miss Pratika shared that she attended a recent California School Boards Association student board member training. She said schools are holding Thanksgiving food drives.

VII.C. Employee Association Leadership

VII.C.1. Hart District Teachers Association (HDTA) President John Minkus

Mr. Minkus announced that the WiSH Education Foundation raised \$150,000 this year to supplement District programs. He mentioned recognitions received by Academy of the Canyons and the Hart District and said the District must prioritize staff if it wants to keep moving in the right direction. He said staff is the number one resource and concerted efforts need to be made for people to join and remain in the District.

VII.C.2. California School Employees Association (CSEA) Chapter 349 President Kathy Hefferon

Ms. Hefferon did not give a report.

VII.D. School Site Report - Valencia High School

Valencia High School Principal Pete Getz shared that the school's theme for this year is people first: reconnecting and rebuilding relationships. He identified four core values that align with the goal of reconnecting students and staff to their community. He discussed significant events taking place this year including a Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) mid-year cycle review, strategically addressing learning gaps, and wellness and support programs. He outlined five focus areas to reach their goal: communication, input, trust, wellness, and celebrations. A copy of the presentation is attached to the agenda of this meeting.

VIII. Public Comments

- A teacher asked for football stadiums and lighting to be installed at the District high schools who currently do not have stadiums.
- Six parents and community members expressed concerns regarding masks.
- Two attendees shared complaints about Board member statements and social media postings.
- Two parents expressed fears that urinals will be installed in girls' restrooms.
- A community member shared concerns with the U.S. History America Through the Lens textbook.
- Four students shared concerns regarding school restrooms, traffic problems in school parking lots, and long lines created by CrisisGo entry scanning.
- A parent asked the Board to consider changing its meeting time.

A brief recess was called.

IX. Information Items

IX.A. New, Revised, and Deleted Board Policies and Administrative Regulations - First Reading

Mrs. Hunter explained that staff is continuing to work on aligning District policies and administrative regulations with a new Board Manual maintenance system. She presented new, revised, and deleted Board policies (BP) and administrative regulations (AR) for review. Copies of the BPs and ARs are attached to the agenda of this meeting. Board members may make suggestions before the second reading and approval on January 19, 2022.

X. Action Items

X.A. Resolution No. 21/22-26 - District Intent to Enroll in the State of California Classified School Employee Summer Assistance Program

Motion Passed: Adopt Resolution No. 21/22-26 signifying the District's intent to enroll in the State of California Classified School Employee Summer Assistance Program for the 2022-2023 school year. Passed with a motion by Mr. Robert Jensen and a second by Mr. James Webb.

Yes Mr. Robert Jensen

Yes Mr. Joseph Messina

Yes Dr. Cherise Moore

Yes Mrs. Linda Storli

Yes Mr. James Webb

Student Board Member Opinion: Yes

A copy of the resolution is attached to the agenda of this meeting.

X.B. Adoption of the Educator Effectiveness Block Grant Expenditure Plan

Motion Passed: Adopt the Educator Effectiveness Block Grant Expenditure Plan. Passed with a motion by Mr. Robert Jensen and a second by Mrs. Linda Storli.

Yes Mr. Robert Jensen

Yes Mr. Joseph Messina

Yes Dr. Cherise Moore

Yes Mrs. Linda Storli

Yes Mr. James Webb

Student Board Member Opinion: Yes

Mr. Peschek reviewed changes to the expenditure plan made since the last meeting based on Board input. The plan now includes two additional teaching coaches, two classified coaches, a special education recovery specialist, social-emotional learning (SEL) curriculum training, Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) training, leadership training, co-teaching oversight and support, and ethnic studies curriculum planning and implementation. Once adopted, the plan can be revisited if priorities change. A copy of the plan is attached to the agenda of this meeting.

X.C. Agreement with COVID Clinic, Inc., for COVID-19 Testing Services

Motion Passed: Approve the agreement with COVID Clinic, Inc., for COVID-19 testing services. Passed with a motion by Mr. Robert Jensen and a second by Mr. James Webb.

Yes Mr. Robert Jensen

Yes Mr. Joseph Messina

Yes Dr. Cherise Moore

Yes Mrs. Linda Storli

Yes Mr. James Webb

Student Board Member Opinion: Yes

A copy of the agreement is attached to the agenda of this meeting.

X.D. Award of Bid Package No. CAS21-11 - Castaic High School Electrical Vault Drainage Project (H.A. Lewis, Inc.)

Motion Passed: Award Bid Package No. CAS21-11 for the Castaic High School Electrical Vault Drainage Project to the lowest responsive/responsible bidder, H.A. Lewis, Inc. Passed with a motion by Mr. Robert Jensen and a second by Mrs. Linda Storli.

Yes Mr. Robert Jensen

Yes Mr. Joseph Messina

Yes Dr. Cherise Moore

Yes Mrs. Linda Storli

Yes Mr. James Webb

Student Board Member Opinion: Yes

A copy of the bid comparison is attached to the agenda of this meeting.

X.E. Fee Proposal - Construction Management Services for the La Mesa Junior High School Fire Alarm Replacement Project (Fonder-Salari, Inc.)

Motion Passed: Approve fee proposal from Fonder-Salari, Inc., for construction management services for the La Mesa Junior High School Fire Alarm Replacement Project. Passed with a motion by Mr. James Webb and a second by Mrs. Linda Storli.

Yes Mr. Robert Jensen

Yes Mr. Joseph Messina

Yes Dr. Cherise Moore

Yes Mrs. Linda Storli

Yes Mr. James Webb

Student Board Member Opinion: Yes

A copy of the proposal is attached to the agenda of this meeting.

X.F. Request for Partial Contractor Retention Reduction for the Energy Conservation Services Project (Alliance Building Solutions, Inc.)

Motion Passed: Approve partial contractor retention release, pursuant to Public Contract Code 7107, to ABS for the Energy Conservation Services Project. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Linda Storli and a second by Mr. James Webb.

Yes Mr. Robert Jensen

Yes Mr. Joseph Messina

Yes Dr. Cherise Moore

Yes Mrs. Linda Storli

Yes Mr. James Webb

Student Board Member Opinion: Yes

X.G. Resolution No. 21/22-20 - Ordering the Cancellation of the Formation Proceedings for Proposed Community Facilities District No. 2021-2 of the William S. Hart Union High School District

Motion Passed: Adopt Resolution No. 21/22-20 - Ordering the Cancellation of the Formation Proceedings for Proposed Community Facilities District No. 2021-2 of the William S. Hart Union High School District. Passed with a motion by Mr. Robert Jensen and a second by Mrs. Linda Storli.

Yes Mr. Robert Jensen

Yes Mr. Joseph Messina

Yes Dr. Cherise Moore

Yes Mrs. Linda Storli

Yes Mr. James Webb

Student Board Member Opinion: Yes

A copy of the resolution is attached to the agenda of this meeting.

X.H. Resolution No. 21/22-27 - Finding that the Sierra Vista Junior High School Multi-Purpose Building and Kitchen Modernization Project is Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act and Delegating Authority to Staff to Prepare, Execute, and File a Notice of Exemption

Motion Passed: Adopt Resolution No. 21/22-27 - Finding that the Sierra Vista Junior High School Multi-Purpose Building and Kitchen Modernization Project is Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act and Delegating Authority to Staff to Prepare, Execute, and File a Notice of Exemption. Passed with a motion by Mr. Robert Jensen and a second by Mrs. Linda Storli.

Yes Mr. Robert Jensen

Yes Mr. Joseph Messina

Yes Dr. Cherise Moore

Yes Mrs. Linda Storli

Yes Mr. James Webb

Student Board Member Opinion: Yes

A copy of the resolution is attached to the agenda of this meeting.

X.I. Governing Board Organizational Meeting Date - 2021

Motion Passed: Approve the Organizational Meeting of the Governing Board for December 15, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Linda Storli and a second by Mr. James Webb.

Yes Mr. Robert Jensen

Yes Mr. Joseph Messina

Yes Dr. Cherise Moore

Yes Mrs. Linda Storli

Yes Mr. James Webb

Student Board Member Opinion: Yes

XI. Consent Calendar

XI.A. Consent Calendar-Removal of Items

There were no items removed from the Consent Calendar.

XI.B. Consent Calendar-Personnel

XI.B.1. Personnel Report No. 21/22-9

XI.B.2. Memorandum of Understanding Between the California School Employees Association Chapter 349 and the William S. Hart Union High School District Regarding the Juneteenth Holiday

XI.C. Consent Calendar-Curriculum/Instruction

XI.C.1. Recommendation of Instructional Materials, 2021/22

XI.C.2. Request for Overnight/Out-of-State Trips - Hart, Valencia, and West Ranch High Schools

XI.C.3. Request for Overnight/Out-of-State Trip (Ratification) - Saugus High School

XI.C.4. District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC) Meeting Minutes

XI.D. Consent Calendar-Business Services

XI.D.1. Purchase Order Report

XI.D.2. Warrant Register and Revolving Cash Payments

XI.D.3. Agreement for Fiscal and Budget Services (School Services of California, Inc.)

XI.D.4. Acceptance of Monetary Donations

XI.D.5. Disposition of Surplus/Obsolete Equipment

XI.E. Consent Calendar-Operations

XI.E.1. Ratification of Contracts Issued Between November 1, 2021, and November 30, 2021, for Miscellaneous Facilities Construction Projects

XI.E.2. Purchase of Air Purifiers

XI.F. Consent Calendar-Requests for Information

XI.G. Approval of Consent Calendar

Motion Passed: Approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Linda Storli and a second by Mr. James Webb.

Yes Mr. Robert Jensen

Yes Mr. Joseph Messina

Yes Dr. Cherise Moore

Yes Mrs. Linda Storli

Yes Mr. James Webb

Student Board Member Opinion: Yes

XII. Items for Future Consideration by the Board

- Mr. Jensen asked for an update on the status of state testing this year.
- Dr. Moore asked for information on D and F rates at the end of the fall semester and information on the costs to install football stadium lights and air conditioning in gyms.

XIII. Second Closed Session

XIV. Adjournment

Motion Passed: Adjourn the meeting at 10:06 p.m. Passed with a motion by Mr. Robert Jensen and a second by Mrs. Linda Storli.

Yes Mr. Robert Jensen

Yes Mr. Joseph Messina

Yes Dr. Cherise Moore

Yes Mrs. Linda Storli

Yes Mr. James Webb

Student Board Member Opinion: Yes

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph V. Messina, President

Robert N. Jensen, Jr., Clerk

Approved and entered into the proceedings
of the District:

Date